

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 12-20 with the following paragraph:

Both the outer layer 76 and the inner layer 78 of the main belt portion 38 are formed from an ethyl vinyl acetate (EVA) co-polymer with a polyolefin elastomer. One suitable EVA is made by Alveo (a Sekisui Company of Luzern, Switzerland). The outer layer 76 EVA has a density of about 125 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the inner layer 78 EVA has a density of about 70 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to about 75 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Thereby the outer layer 76 is more rigid than the inner layer 78 to form a rigid support piece, whereas the inner layer 78 is less rigid to provide more comfort to a user. The reinforcement member 80 is formed from a low density polyethylene such as made by VTS Plastics (Liverpool, UK). The belt buckle portion 40 is formed from a polyester coated with polyurethane or PVC, which allows the belt buckle portion 40 to be wiped clean.